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One bright spring day, Princess Snow White and her prince invited the Seven Dwarfs to their palace for a picnic. It had been some time since Snow White had seen her dear friends, and they were all quite excited!

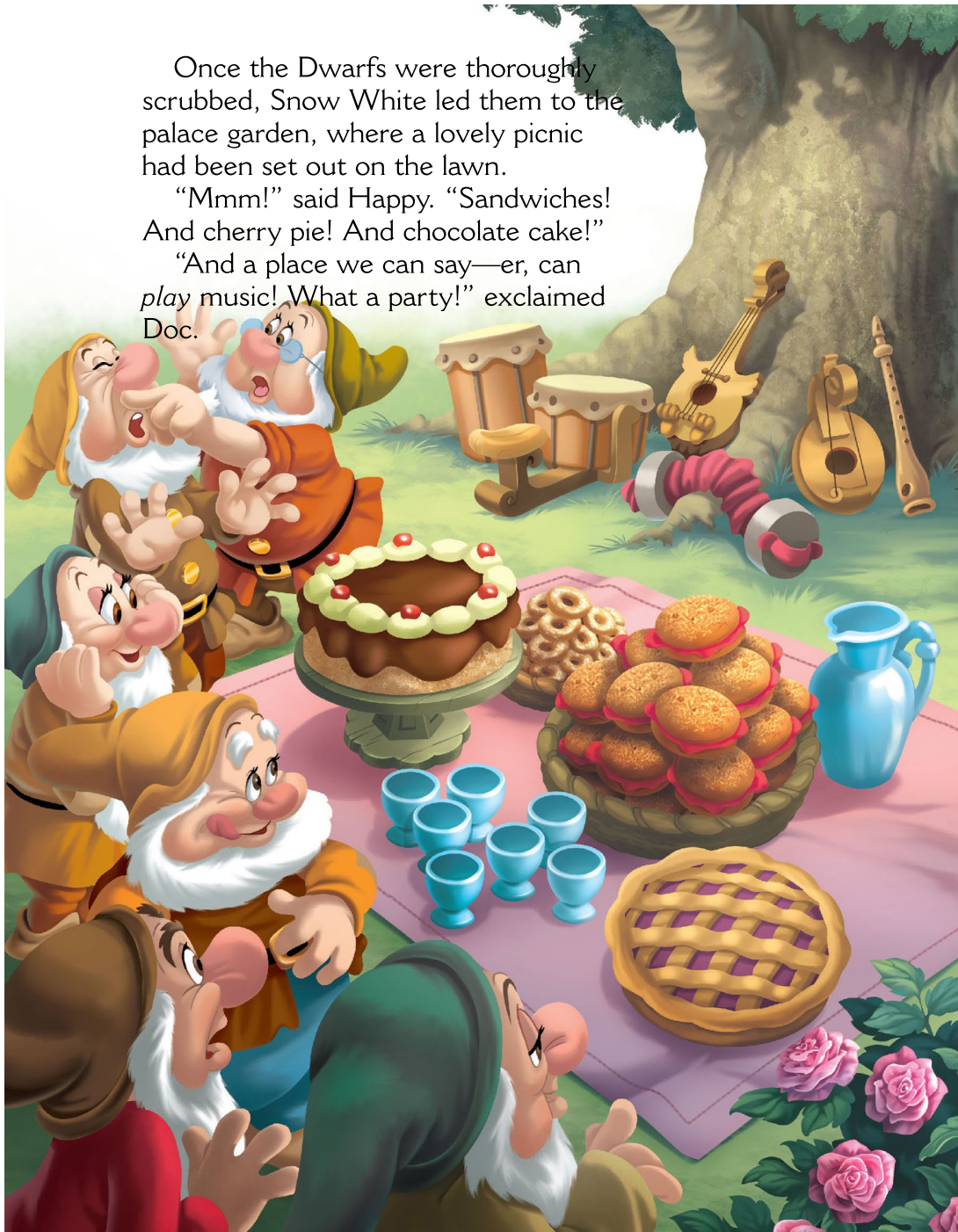
“Thank you for inviting us, Your Highnesses!” said Doc. “What a present—I mean *pleasant* way to spend an afternoon!”



Once the Dwarfs were thoroughly scrubbed, Snow White led them to the palace garden, where a lovely picnic had been set out on the lawn.

"Mmm!" said Happy. "Sandwiches! And cherry pie! And chocolate cake!"

"And a place we can say—er, can *play* music! What a party!" exclaimed Doc.





“Please, help yourselves,” said Snow White as she passed out china plates.  
“One for you ... and you ... and you ...  
and you ... and you ... and you ... and .  
..  
Oh, my! Where is Dopey?”





Snow White and the Prince and all six Dwarfs got up and began to look for Dopey. They searched everywhere they could think of, inside the castle and out, until at last Grumpy found him in a corner of the palace garden.

"Here he is!" Grumpy yelled. "Looks like he's watchin' the grass grow. Huh! It figures. I'm starvin'. Let's eat."



“Why, Dopey! We were worried!” Snow White exclaimed. Then she looked more closely. “You’ve found a caterpillar!”



Snow White watched a fuzzy caterpillar slowly crawl across a leaf and onto Dopey's finger.

"Does it tickle?" she asked as he giggled.

Dopey looked up at her and nodded. Then he giggled again.

"So that's a caterpillar," said Doc.

"Well, I say! Would you look at that!"

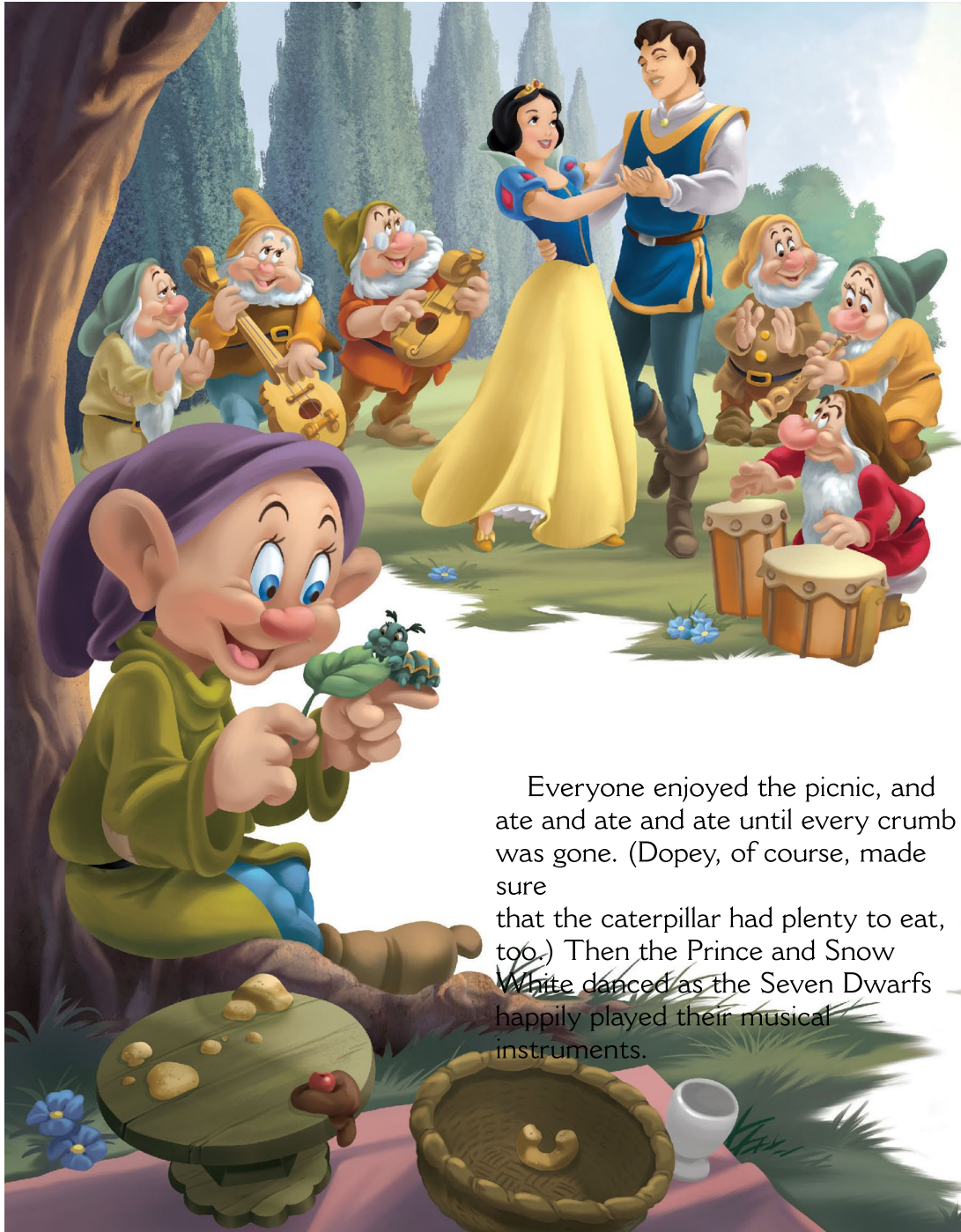
"Enough lookin' already," huffed Grumpy. "The princess has made us a picnic and my stomach's a-rumblin'. Besides, caterpillars ain't nothin' but trouble, if you ask me."





“Oh, Grumpy,” said Snow White sweetly. “I don’t think this caterpillar will be any trouble. Come,” she told the Dwarfs. “Let’s go back to the picnic. And Dopey, why don’t you bring your new friend along?”

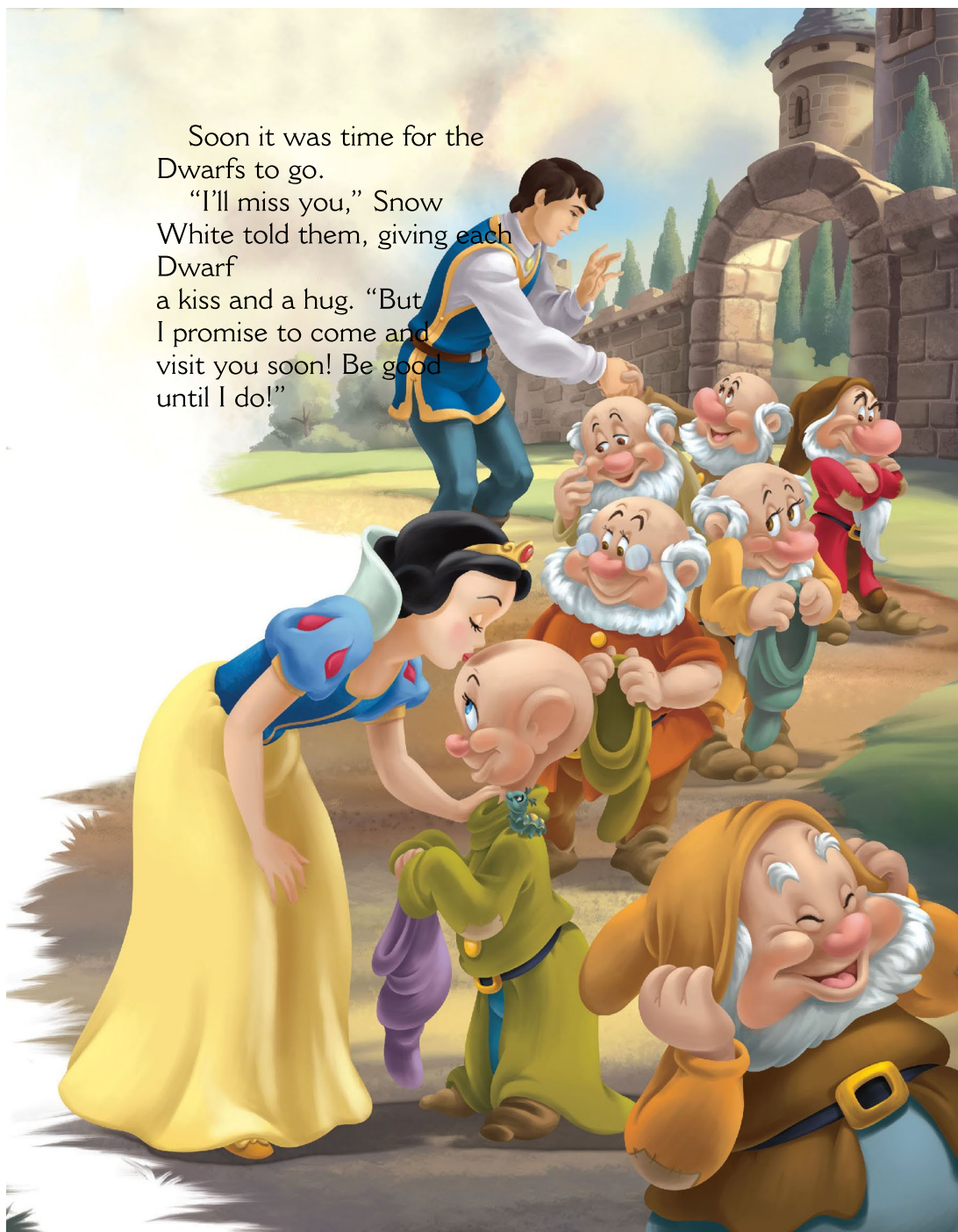




Everyone enjoyed the picnic, and ate and ate and ate until every crumb was gone. (Dopey, of course, made sure that the caterpillar had plenty to eat, too.) Then the Prince and Snow White danced as the Seven Dwarfs happily played their musical instruments.

Soon it was time for the  
Dwarfs to go.

"I'll miss you," Snow  
White told them, giving each  
Dwarf  
a kiss and a hug. "But  
I promise to come and  
visit you soon! Be good  
until I do!"





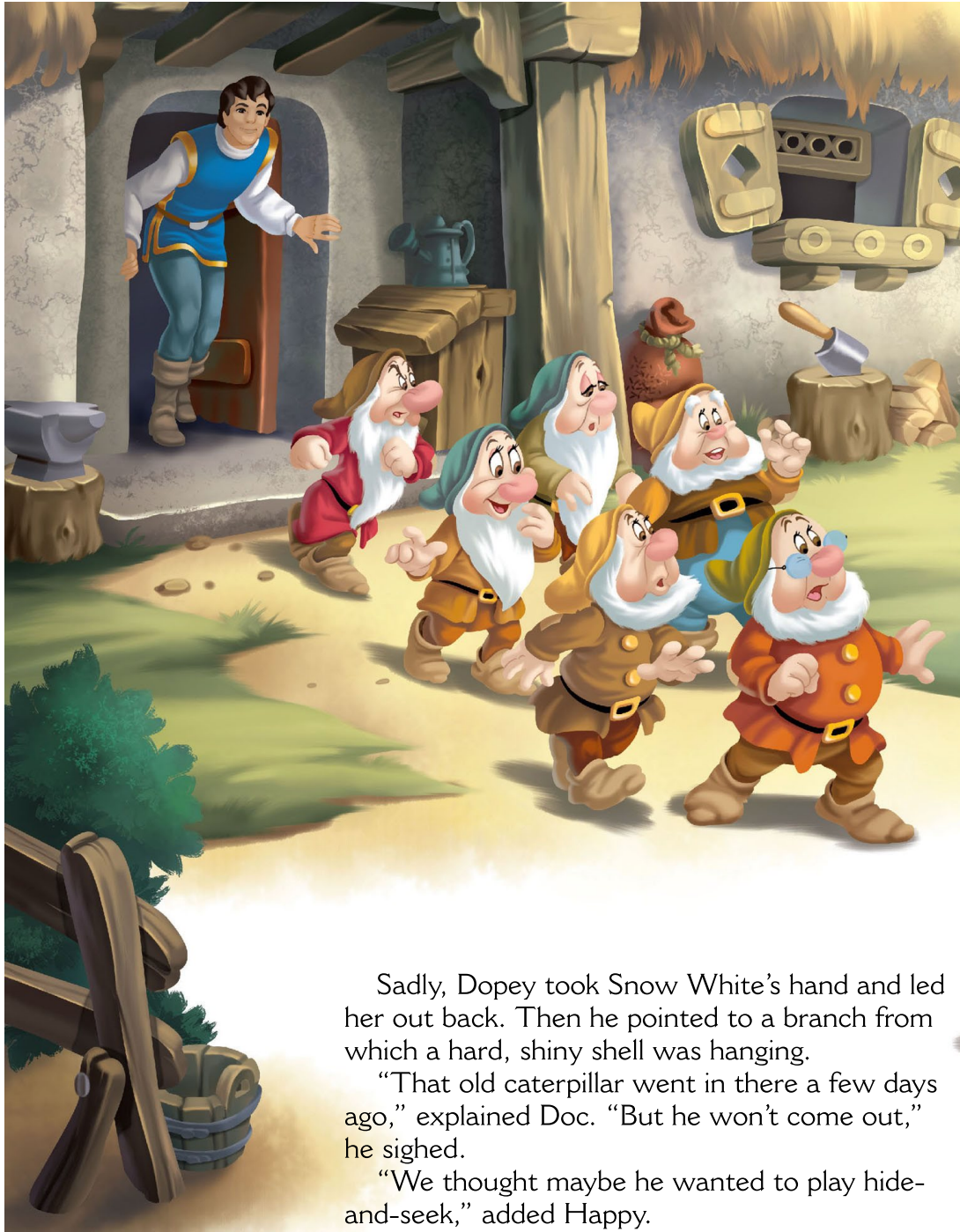
True to her word, Snow White and her prince paid a visit to the Seven Dwarfs' cottage before the month was through. But as Snow White handed out heart-shaped cookies to the Dwarfs, she discovered poor Dopey in tears. "Oh, dear Dopey, what's wrong?" she asked. "Poor fella tossed his little friend—I mean *lost* his friend," Doc told her.

"What'd I tell ya?" muttered Grumpy. "Them caterpillars is trouble!"









Sadly, Dopey took Snow White's hand and led her out back. Then he pointed to a branch from which a hard, shiny shell was hanging.

"That old caterpillar went in there a few days ago," explained Doc. "But he won't come out," he sighed.

"We thought maybe he wanted to play hide-and-seek," added Happy.

"So Dopey hid, too," said Bashful.

"But," Sleepy went on, "the caterpillar never came out to find him."





"Figures!" huffed Grumpy. "Sure, caterpillars look harmless. But they're testy, they are, I tell you!"

Snow White shook her head and then wrapped Dopey in her arms. "Oh, Dopey," she said gently, "didn't you know?"

"Know what?" Doc asked, curious.

"That caterpillar isn't hiding. It's changing!" Snow White said.









"Changing?" the Dwarfs exclaimed.  
"Er . . ." Doc began. "Changing into what?"

Snow White looked around until she saw a pair of brightly colored wings flutter by. She pointed to the butterfly and smiled. "Into that!"



Dopey could hardly believe it. And neither could the other Dwarfs.

"Fuss and fiddlesticks!" said Grumpy. "You gotta be kiddin'!"

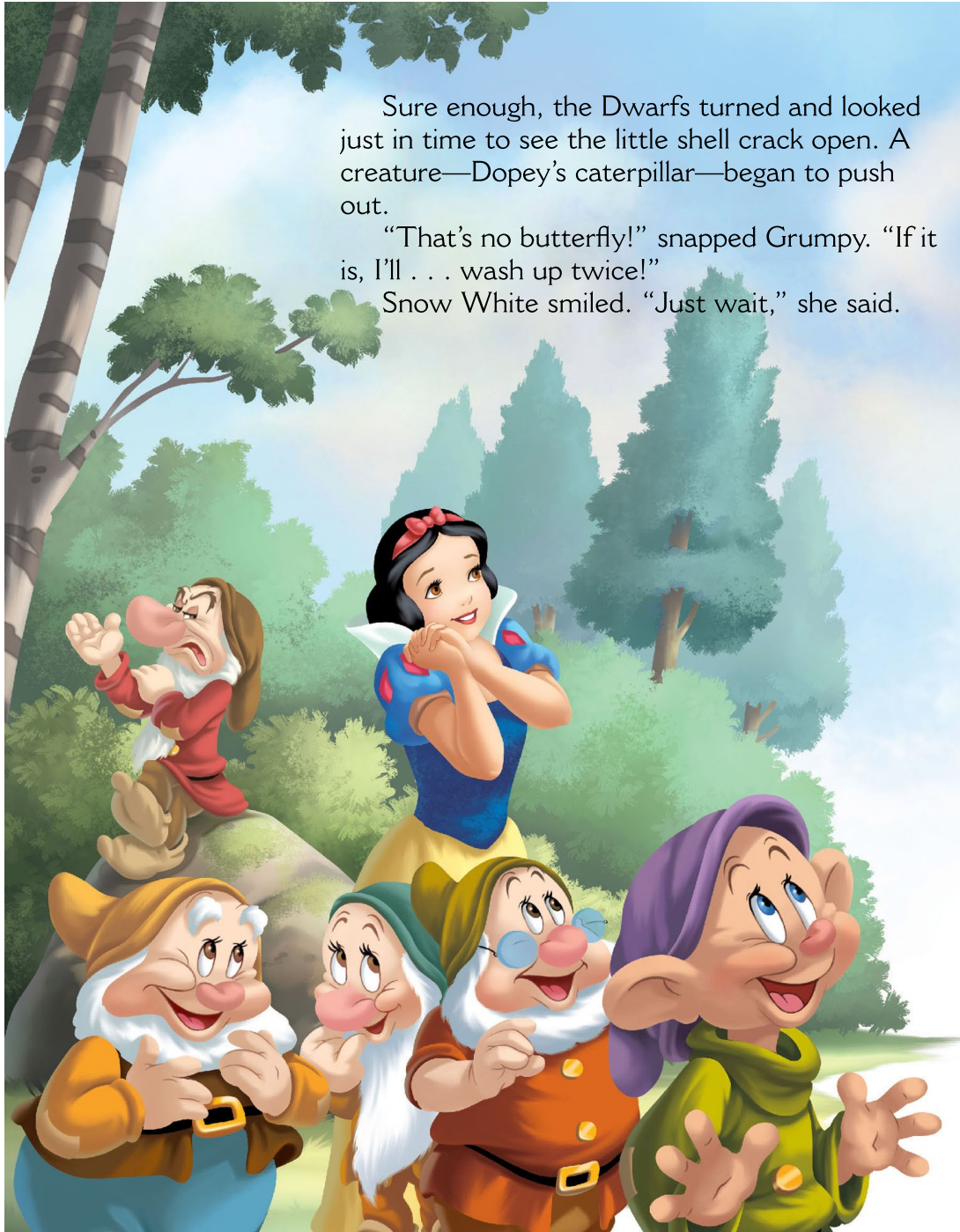
"No," said Snow White. "Soon Dopey's caterpillar will look just like that butterfly!"



Sure enough, the Dwarfs turned and looked just in time to see the little shell crack open. A creature—Dopey's caterpillar—began to push out.

"That's no butterfly!" snapped Grumpy. "If it is, I'll . . . wash up twice!"

Snow White smiled. "Just wait," she said.






Slowly but surely, the small wings began to fill out. They grew larger, and larger, and larger. Then they opened and closed.

"It is a butterfly!" cried Happy.

"Why, I . . . it . . . you . . ." exclaimed Doc, ". . . you're right!"





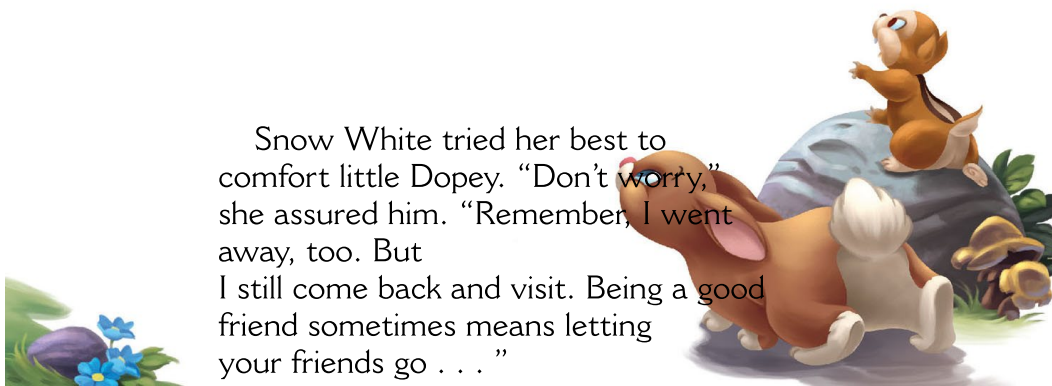
Dopey smiled a big smile and held out his finger to his caterpillar friend, now a fancy-looking butterfly! But instead of climbing onto it, the butterfly flew away!

"Oh, no!" exclaimed Doc.

"Huh! Doesn't surprise me!" called Grumpy. "If'n you ask me, butterflies is trouble, too!"



Snow White tried her best to comfort little Dopey. "Don't worry," she assured him. "Remember, I went away, too. But I still come back and visit. Being a good friend sometimes means letting your friends go . . ."





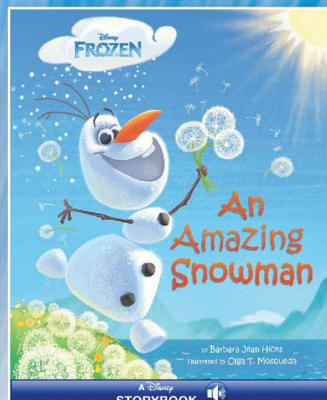
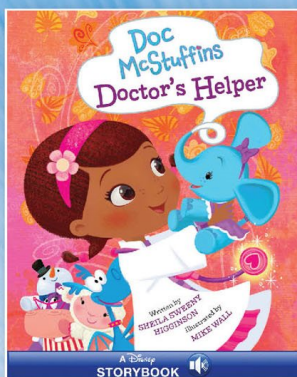
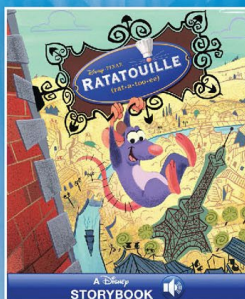


“... and letting them  
return for lots and lots of  
visits!”

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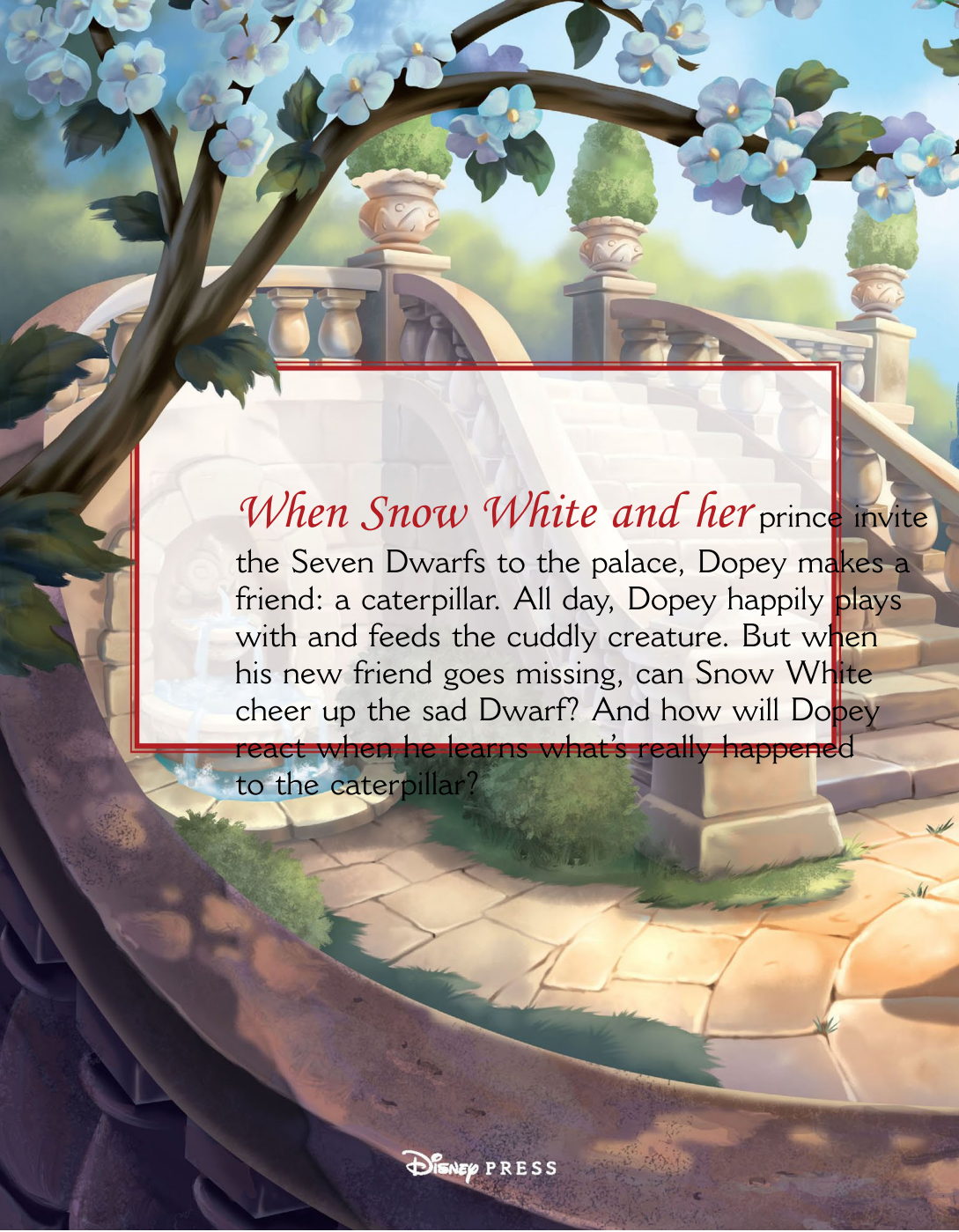


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*When Snow White and her* prince invite the Seven Dwarfs to the palace, Dopey makes a friend: a caterpillar. All day, Dopey happily plays with and feeds the cuddly creature. But when his new friend goes missing, can Snow White cheer up the sad Dwarf? And how will Dopey react when he learns what's really happened to the caterpillar?